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TAGS: PK AF PINR
SUBJECT: (U) AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADER GAILANI ON ARMS

1. (U) AFTER RETURNING FROM AN EXTENDED TOUR OF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AFGHAN RESISTANCE LEADER SAYED AHMED GAILANI HAS REITERATED RESISTANCE NEEDS FOR ARMS. IN AN INTERVIEW CARRIED IN THE LOCAL DAILY "THE MUSLIM" ON AUGUST 17, GAILANI (WHO HEADS THE AFGHAN NATIONAL ISLAMIC FRONT) STRESSED REQUIREMENTS FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES, ANTI-TANK ROCKETS, AND SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES WHILE CATEGORICALLY DENYING THAT "PAKISTAN, OR FOR THAT MATTER IRAN, EGYPT AND CHINA" WERE SUPPLYING ARMS. HE ALSO DENIED THAT AFGHAN GUERRILLAS WERE USING PAKISTAN AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS.

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2. (U) WHILE INDICATING THAT EUROPEAN NATIONS HAD EXPRESS-

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ED MORAL AND POLITICAL SUPPORT TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND HAD CONDEMNED THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN. GAILANI MAINTAINED THAT "NOBODY HAD SO FAR ANNOUNCED ANY MATERIAL HELP." IN GAILANI'S VIEW, IT IS NOW UP TO THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY TO RESOLVE THE AFGHAN CRISIS, AND HE NOTED "POSITIVE RESULTS" MADE BY THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. IN THIS REGARD,

3. (U) ACCORDING TO GAILANI'S ESTIMATE, NINETY PER CENT OF THE AFGHAN ARMY HAS JOINED UP WITH THE RESISTANCE. HIS SPECIFIC FIGURES DID NOT QUITE SUPPORT HIS CONTENTION, HOWEVER INASMUCH AS HE LISTED 60,000 MILITARY DESERTERS AND 14,000 STILL SUPPORTING THE KARMAL REGIME. HUMME

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